

REMARKS

Claims 9-41 and 47-69 are pending in the application with claims 25 and 32 amended herein. Applicant expresses appreciation for allowance of claims 47-60 and 69 and for the indication that claims 9-24, 26-31, 33-41, and 61-68 set forth allowable subject matter.

Claims 25 and 32 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 25 and 32 are amended herein to set forth that the chemisorbed layer is saturated and uniformly one monolayer thick, thus, further limiting such claims. The uniform thickness limitation is supported at least by page 5, line 22 to page 6, line 3 of the present specification. The "saturated" limitation is supported at least by page 6, lines 11-17 of the present specification even though it does not expressly mention the term "saturated." The concept of all of the finite number of sites on a substrate being bonded with a chemical specie, as set forth in the specification, is widely referred to in the art as "saturation." At least for such reasons, claims 25 and 32 are in proper form.

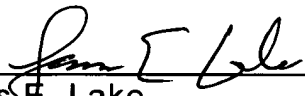
Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

Further, Applicant previously submitted a Supplemental IDS and Form PTO-1449 on July 17, 2003 and has not yet received an initialed copy indicating consideration of the references. Review of the Office's PAIR Image File Wrapper indicates that the Office is in possession of the document.

Applicant requests consideration of the references and return of an initialed copy to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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